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SUBJECT:COCOM LIST REVIEW: REQUEST TO CANADIANS RE POLISH
OSCILLOSCOPES - IL 1584

1) US TECHNICAL EXPERTS NOTE THAT THE CANADIAN DELEGATION
HAS REMARKED DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING 1584
THAT CANADA HAS IMPORTED A NUMBER OF POLISH-MADE 150 MHZ
OSCILLOSCOPES. US TECHNICAL EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT THE
CANADIAN EXPERIENCE WITH THESE INSTRUMENTS MIGHT BE OF
BENEFIT TO THEM.

2) DEL, THEREFORE, SHOULD POSE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A
BILATERAL BASIS: (1) HOW MANY POLISH OSCILLOSCOPES HAVE
BEEN IMPORTED; (2) HOW ARE THESE INSTRUMENTS BEING USED (I.
E. WHAT INDUSTRIES, WHAT FUNCTIONS, ETC); (3) DO THESE
INSTRUMENTS MEET PUBLISHED SPECIFICATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN
TERMS OF BANDWIDTH AND SENSITIVITY; (4) HOW ARE THESE SCOPES
OPERATING (I.E. ANY BREAKDOWNS, DEFECTIVE PARTS, ETC.); AND
(5) CAN THE USERS DETECT WHETHER THE SCOPES USE WESTERN
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ORIGIN COMPONENTS AND IF SO WHAT COMPONENTS (I.E.CRT'S,

HIGH FREQUENCY DIODES, ETC.). ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THESE POLISH OSCILLOSCOPES AND THEIR CAPABILITIES CANADIANS MAY WISH TO PASS ALONG WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3) REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION AT THIS STAGE OF THE LIST REVIEW WILL BE AWKWARD BUT THIS DATA MAY BE HELPFUL TO US IN FRAMING OUR ROUND IV POSITION ON THIS ENTRY AND CANNOT BUT HAVE AN INFLUENCE, EITHER NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE ON THAT POSITION. THIS INFORMATION MAY ALSO HAVE THE EFFECT UNDERCUTTING PC CLAIMS OF BLOC AVAILABILITY. THEREFORE, DEL SHOULD GUARD AGAINST LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL IPSO FACTO RESULT IN A LIBERALIZED US POSITION RE 1584 AND MIGHT DO BEST TO CAST THE REQUEST IN CONTEXT OF A SERCH FOR TECHNICAL FACTS CONCERNING THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THESE POLISH OSCILLOSCOPES. INGERSOLL

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